

**METHOD AND APPARATUS TO IMPROVE MAGNETIC DISC DRIVE
RELIABILITY USING EXCESS UN-UTILIZED CAPACITY**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of storing data on a storage device is disclosed. The method
includes receiving data at a storage device containing the storage media, adding
error correction code to the received data, generating additional error correction
information based upon an amount of free space on the storage media, storing the
data on the storage media, and storing the generated additional error correction
10 information on the storage media. The method further includes selecting one of a
plurality of methods for generating error correction information based upon the
amount of free space on the storage media, and generating the error correction
information based on the selected method.

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